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NEW BILLION DOLLAR TRUST

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Any Definite Information Is Withheld,
But Plans for the Merger Are
New Well Under
Way.

New York, Nov. 16.—No definite information could be obtained yesterday of the reported organization of a new \$1,000,000,000 corporation to control the output of copper.

Numerous conferences of copper interests have been held at the offices of J.P. Morgan & Company, but none of the parties will talk of the reported combination.

Reports of the proposed merger have been sifted down to a point where fairly general credence is given the statement that J.P. Morgan & Company will have the financing in charge, with the National City bank and the First National bank of this city as the probable mediums through which the security issues in this country will be handled.

A world-wide distribution is said to be intended, however, with several European institutions of prominence to be included in the plan.

Production, treatment and sale of copper to the amount of approximately 800,000,000 pounds is included in the plans of the men interested in the proposed merger, which is expected to hear the relation to the copper industry that the United States steel corporation now does to the steel industry.

Named in connection with the combination are the Amalgamated, Guggenheim, Phelps-Dodge and Coleman properties, with the smelting and selling interests affiliated with them. Included are the prominent low-grade of porphyry copper properties in Nevada and Utah, including the Utah Copper company.

There is no inclusion of the Catemec and Huelo. The Haggins interests in Peru and the Rio Tinto properties in Spain may be included in the merger. Stock of the new company is said to be now in exchange for the outstanding shares of the properties proposed to be included in the merger.

The Steady Man.

We'd like to write a little rhyme about the steady man, who keeps on pegging all the time and does the best he can; the man who early goes to work and doesn't get home late, who never tries to shirk in order to be great. There are some fellows who will try to do their business tricks and have a finger in the pie of city politics. They try to put on lots of style and play a heavy role, and in a little bit of while you find them in a hole. I like the man of steady pace; his system I admire. He has no wild desire to place more irons in the fire—Los Angeles Express.

Won Him.

Blotbs-Henpecke thinks you are the finest fellow in the world. How did you manage to make such an impression? Blotbs—Oh, I pretended to be surprised when he told me he was a married man.—Philadelphia Record.

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The first thing to do when threatened with nervous trouble is to stop the cause of it, if possible, whether it is irregular living, worry, or whatever it may be. Then the nerves must be given special nourishment and the blood must be kept pure and rich. This is the mission of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and this is why the pills have been used with such great success in nervous trouble that did not yield to ordinary methods of treatment.

Mrs. H. R. Evans, of West Swazey, N. H., found no help for her nervousness until she tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She says: "Two years ago I was on the verge of nervous prostration. I was so nervous that I dropped everything I took in my hands. I seemed to shake and tremble all over my body and could not keep still. I had severe pains all through my body but especially through the small of my back. My hands were numb. I had dreadful headaches over my eyes and fainted away several times. I was hungry all of the time but could not satisfy my hunger. I lost in weight and was pale."

"I had been sick for six years before I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which were recommended to me by a friend. Before I had used the pills long I began to feel better and after a fair trial I was cured. I could work all day and felt better than I ever had before. My head and mind were clear and I can recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a good tonic medicine."

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Write for a free copy of our new booklet, "Diseases of the Nervous System." It will be sent postpaid on request. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or sent by mail, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for \$2.50, by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y. The genuine pills are never sold loose, by the dozen or hundred.

FOREST PRODUCTS BULLETIN.

Decrease in Cut and Prices in 1908 Shown by the Census Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—The facts and figures contained in the forthcoming U. S. census bureau bulletin on lumber, lath and shingles in 1908 disclose in most striking manner the adverse conditions obtaining in the lumber industry during that year. The annual federal report on the statistics of forest products is compiled by a committee of experts from the census bureau and the forest service. The census is represented by W. M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufacturing, and J. E. Whelchel, expert chief of divisions, while R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester, and A. H. Pierson, forest assistant, represent the forest service.

A comparative summary of the total values for the several groups of forest products investigated for the calendar years 1907 and 1908 follows:

| | 1908. | 1907. |
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| Lumber, lath and shingles | \$541,845,640 | \$707,095,400 |
| Cross ties | 56,280,598 | 78,958,605 |
| Pulpwood | 23,047,473 | 32,380,276 |
| Tanbark and tanning extracts | 21,361,719 | 21,205,547 |
| Slack coopeage | 14,406,443 | 19,807,370 |
| Tight coopeage | 16,900,651 | 15,800,233 |
| Poles | 5,828,324 | 8,081,708 |
| Veneer | 7,801,431 | 6,436,237 |
| Wood distillation | 6,809,425 | 8,196,181 |

Totals \$898,262,175 \$987,941,736

The heavy decrease in the total value reported for 1908 reflects the ascertained falling off in the industry. As a result of the business depression, the quantity of lumber, 33,324,309 thousand feet, board measure, produced in 1908, was less than that for any other year for which reliable data are available since 1900. The average cut of lumber per active mill shown by the reports for 1908 was but little more than 1,000,000 feet, as against nearly 1,400,000 feet per mill in 1907. The bulk of this decrease, it is stated, was undoubtedly due to smaller production. The gradual rise in the average value is apparent from the fact that the price in 1908 per thousand feet at the mill for all the lumber produced was \$11.13; in 1904, 12.74; in 1906, \$16.54; in 1907, \$16.66; with a drop back to \$15.37 in 1908.

While there was an increase of 2,381, or 8.3 per cent, in the number of mills engaged in the production of lumber, there was a decrease of 7,531,788,000 feet, or 17.3 per cent, in the total quantity of the output. In the case of most of the states, reports were secured from a greater number of active mills for 1908 than for 1907, while, on the other hand, the cut in 1908 was generally less than in 1907.

Washington, which had remained first in lumber production for several years, still held this place in 1908, although in quantity the cut of this state was closely approached by that of Louisiana. Nearly all of the lumber manufactured in Washington was of Douglas fir, while Louisiana was first in the production of lumber of two important kinds, yellow pine and cypress. Heavy decreases in the production of Douglas fir and yellow pine were general in 1908, while the cut of cypress was nearly the same in both years; hence, the decrease in total production in Louisiana in 1908 was less marked, being only 3.4 per cent, while the decrease in Washington was 22.3 per cent. While Mississippi suffered a decrease of over one-tenth in the quantity of its output of lumber in 1908 as compared with 1907, it advanced in rank from fourth to third place, as a result of the very heavy falling off in the output of Texas, which dropped from third place in 1907 to sixth place in 1908. The cut in Arkansas decreased about one-sixth, but, nevertheless, the state advanced in rank from sixth to fourth place.

Wisconsin and Michigan, with decreases of about one-fifth, held fifth and seventh places, respectively, in both years. In recent years, the production in Michigan has been decreasing steadily, falling in 1907 below the two billion mark for the first time in nearly forty years. Since 1880, however, Michigan has cut nearly 100 billion feet of lumber, a production which has not been approached by that of any other state.

The output in Wisconsin, its nearest competitor, during the same period, was probably less than 75 billion feet. The reported output in Georgia was 6 per cent, greater in 1908 than 1907. This apparent increase, however, was due chiefly to the fact that, through the aid of special agents in obtaining reports from delinquent manufacturers, a fuller canvass of the mills was secured in 1908 than in the previous year. Small increases in output are also shown for Idaho, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming.

Yellow pine had been far in the lead as a lumber producer for more than a decade previous to 1908, and this supremacy was more than maintained in that year, when its cut amounted to 33.8 per cent of the total cut from all species, and in spite of a decrease of 1,978,122,000, or 15 per cent, in the output of this species in 1908, as compared with 1907, Douglas fir ranked second, both in 1908 and 1907, though with a decrease of 1,073,738,000 feet, or 22.6 per cent, in the output for the latter year, as compared with the former. White pine, while ranking third in both years, showed a decrease in the output for 1908 of 547,787,000, or 30.2 per cent, from the output in 1907. Though still maintaining their relative rank, oak and hemlock fell off 947,249,000 feet and 842,173,000 feet, respectively, or about 25 per cent, each. The decrease in spruce, 18.2 per cent, was close to the average decrease for all species, and the reported cut of western pine was less than in 1907 by 16.5 per cent. Only slight decreases occurred in maple and cypress. A decrease of 24.3 per cent, in the cut of yellow pine caused this wood to drop from ninth place in 1907 to tenth place in 1908. Decreases, which were heavier than the average, occurred in redwood, cottonwood and white fir, while increased cuts were reported for elm, cedar, larch, tamarack, balsam fir, tupelo, walnut and cherry.

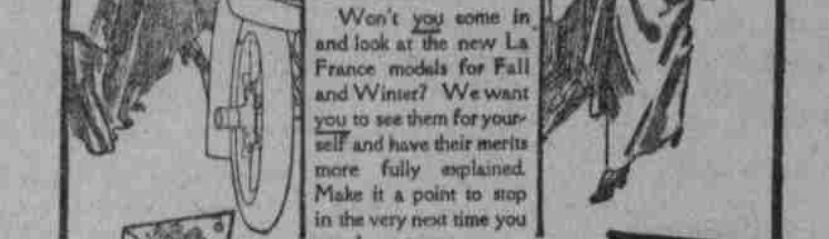
Concerning the shingle production in 1907 and 1908 by species, it is stated that for every kind of wood, except chestnut, the average value in 1908 was less than in 1907. The average value of shingles of all species was \$1.56 per thousand in 1908, \$1.65 in 1904, \$2.04 in 1906, \$2.55 in 1907, and \$2.00 in 1908. Nearly 76 per cent, or more than nine-billion, of the shingles manufactured in 1908 were of cedar. Of these, the western cedars furnished about 7,400,000,000, or nearly 83 per cent, and the eastern cedars, mostly the white, supplied about 1,600,000,000, or slightly more than 17 per cent. Of the western cedar shingles, Washington supplied 7,283,900,000, or nearly 96 per cent. The cut of cypress shingles in 1908 was 1,165,041,000, or 9.5

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per cent, of the total cut. Louisiana supplied 36 per cent, and most of the rest were produced in Arkansas, Florida and Mississippi.

The total cut of lath in 1908 was a decrease of 676,918,000, or 18.5 per cent, from the cut in 1907. In Washington, most of the lath manufactured in 1908 was of Douglas fir, in Louisiana, of yellow pine, and in Minnesota, of white pine. No state and no species led decisively in lath production. The average value per thousand of all kinds of lath was \$1.80 in 1900, \$2.05 in 1904, \$2.01 in 1906, \$2.85 in 1907, and \$2.27 in 1908.

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A Vicious Weapon. Basing his statement on a series of experiments with the latest pattern of military firearms, Dr. Fessler of Dresden says in a recent number of Der Millerer Arzt that in the next great war the mortality from gunshot wounds will be "frightfully large." He describes one kind of military rifle the muzzle from which will "not go straight, but will be deflected by the slightest resistance after it strikes the body and will continue on, making a wound at an angle with the one through which it entered the body." The "wounding capacity of the new weapon is many times greater than that of the rifles now in use," and this, he says, "makes it a tangible argument in favor of peace."

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ABE'S LITTLE FLIER.

The Result of His Desire to Learn
a Few New Tricks.

By GRANT THORBURN.

For years he'd been a power in the Flatbrook meeting house—not during church time, to be sure, nor yet at Sunday school, nor week night meetings, nor Epworth league. It was at other times he shone—at the fairs and candy sales and donation parties and school commencements, for he was a prestidigitator, and he was the regular thing at the village entertainments. But lately his popularity had begun to wane. The Flatbrooks became tired of the same old card and coin tricks, though Abe Hinchman, through long and careful practice, was an adept at them. They looked for the Indian box trick and the juggler's sword tricks of the metropolis. They did not know that down in the cities the blase members of society, if they ever did attend a sleight-of-hand performance, always came in when the card and coin tricks commenced and yawned and went out when the Indian box trick came on.

Abe realized that his popularity was on the wane. Even old Doc Clarkson's daughter had grown a bit distraught and cold. So Abe made up his mind. He drew about two-thirds of his bank deposit and started for New York. He was determined to learn a few new tricks, buy some new paraphernalia and come back and astonish the natives and old Doc Clarkson's daughter. It was early winter, and there was no farming to be done, so there was no better time or opportunity, and he went.

He occupied a seat in the smoker. At a station near the metropolis a well-dressed young man boarded the train, looked around for a seat and finally took the one next to Hinchman. He was a sociable sort of fellow and entered into conversation at once. Abe told him all he knew and many things that he didn't. The stranger was not so communicative and confided himself strictly to fiction, although Abe couldn't know that, of course.

"Now, look a-here," remarked this man. "Don't you go to any hotel. You go to a private boarding house. They won't skin you. I know a good one where they'll treat you right. You come with me." Abe went.

The place was situated in a rather obscure street, but the rates were cheap. Abe's companion, by a singular coincidence, boarded there himself.

After supper they went upstairs into the parlor. A caller was announced, a rather seedy personage. He wanted to see Abe's new companion. They talked together in one corner, while Abe sat in another. Then his friend came over to him.

"Say, Hinchman," he began, "do you know anything about diamonds? Any judge of them?" Abe glanced at the other man out of the corner of his eye. "Somepin," he replied. "Was in a jewelry store up home fr awhile. Why? What's up?"

"Why, say," continued the other, "here's a friend of mine in a fix. He's got some good diamonds and wants me to loan about \$200 on 'em. They're worth \$800 anyway. I've seen 'em. Now, I ain't got \$200 or I'd lend it to him. S'pose you do it. How much have you got?" This was a supercilious question, for he had discovered on the train that Hinchman